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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - Acting Assistant United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced that the government has reached a settlement with Metallurgical Products Company ("Metallurgical") to resolve alleged violations of the Controlled Substances Act (the "Act"). Metallurgical will pay the United States \$171,000 to resolve allegations that it imported white phosphorus (also known as yellow phosphorus), a List 1 chemical under the Act, without properly notifying the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA").

In order to facilitate DEA's monitoring of controlled substances and chemicals, the Act provides that importers of listed chemicals must be registered with DEA and must notify the DEA of all importations of listed chemicals. According to the United States' allegations, from October 2002 until October 2008, Metallurgical imported 57 orders of white phosphorous for use in its manufacturing process without properly notifying DEA. The investigation revealed, however, that no listed chemicals were diverted as a result of these actions and omissions.

"The positive results achieved through this case, and cases like this one, will help to send a message that the Government is serious about monitoring the movement of controlled substances and chemicals in the United States," said Magid.

This case was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Jacqueline Romero and Margaret Hutchinson and was investigated by DEA Diversion Investigators Philip Reed and Scott Doubet.

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